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MEDIA RELEASE



Nature: Menacing

Incident: 2015-16244

Location: Dutch Bros Coffee Stand 198 SW 6th St, Grants Pass, Or. 97526

Date/Time: 04/30/2015 @ 0837 Hrs

Completed by: DC J. Hamilton

Approved: Chief B. Landis

ARRESTEE:

Scrape, Timothy Russell 22YOA
Transient

CHARGES:

Menacing (2 counts)
Theft in the Third Degree
GPDPs Warrant charging Failure to Appear on original charges of Burglary and Theft.

Details:

On April 30th, 2015 at approximately 0837 hours. Officers from the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety responded to a report of a menacing that had just occurred at the Dutch Bros stand located near 6th and "G" Streets. It was reported a male subject had pointed a gun at another subject, and then fled on foot.

As officers were arriving in the area, dispatch advised the male had been seen sitting on the curb near the incident location, he was then observed walking away, eastbound on SE "G" Street. Several marked and unmarked police units responded to the area due to the severity of the incident and potential for further threats to citizens in the downtown area. A patrol unit located the suspect on SE "G" Street near the "G" Street Bar and Grill. As the officer attempted contact, the suspect fled on foot. When the suspect started to run, he began to remove a gun from his waistband.

Other units arriving in the area observed the suspect as he ran behind the business into an alleyway. At one point, the suspect did point the firearm at the officers as he ran away. The suspect ran through the alleyway and was confronted by a plainclothes officer on the opposite side of the

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alleyway. As the suspect stopped, he raised the firearm and began to point it at the plainclothes officer. The officer drew his weapon and as he was preparing to respond, the suspect quickly threw the gun into the air and against the building.

At that point the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. He was later lodged for two counts of menacing, a local warrant for failing to appear on original charges of burglary and theft. The suspect, Timothy Scrape, was also charged with theft in relation to the menacing. Scrape attempted to take a cup of coffee from a suspect at the DB stand and when he was confronted by the victim, Scrape pointed the gun at the victim and threatened him. Several witnesses confirmed the incident occurred.

After the gun was recovered, it was determined to be a very realistic Airsoft pistol. The gun, from a distance, appeared to be a real firearm. Officers who were on scene showed tremendous restraint during the incident, due to the location of the incident and risk to bystanders and other citizens and vehicles in the area. Had shots been fired, there would have been a risk to passing motorists and citizens walking in the downtown area.

This incident highlights the risks associated with realistic firearms being carried by individuals and used improperly. During high stress incidents, such as this, it is not possible for officers to take the time to determine if a gun is real or not. Aiming a firearm at another person, officer or a citizen, can result in lethal force being used to stop what is perceived to be a very real lethal threat by those involved.

Scrape was lodged at the Josephine County Jail on the above charges. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety, at (541) 450-6260.